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The Honorable Michele Bachmann
Room #103 Cannon HOB
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bachmann,

On behalf of Heartbeat International, I would like to endorse the ***Heartbeat Informed Consent Act of 2011.***

In our pregnancy help centers, we provide medically accurate information to women facing untimely pregnancies. This information is critical for a woman making a decision about the future of her pregnancy and the future of her family. This is the very information that abortion facilities often deny.

In our abortion recovery programs, women often tell us that they were duped into believing that their baby was "just a blob of tissue." This deception very often intensifies trauma after abortion.

We support your legislation calling for the ultrasound option before consenting to abortion because it will give each woman the opportunity to see for herself that 22 days after conception her baby's heart is beating.

This bill will allow each woman about to abort her baby to have a window on her womb, so that she can see the new life within her. She may even see her son/daughter kicking, flipping, waving, or even sucking his/her thumb.

Thank you for introducing legislation to give women a better opportunity to see the inestimable value of life.

Together for Life,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret H. Hartshorn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret (Peggy) H. Hartshorn, Ph.D.
President